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Application of:

R. Gupta

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A Method for Extending the Operating life of a Fixed Bed Reactor

Group Art Unit:

1764

Examiner

Basia Anna Ridley

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request that the examination of this application be continued in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114(a)(1) considering the attached submission comprising an Amendment.

The requested amendments in the Submission are those set out in the Amendment filed 1 August 2003 but not entered (Advisory Action 15 August 2003, Paper No. 22).

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